## **Pharmacy Update**

## Patient Assistance Resources for Members who Need Help with Prescription Costs

- Contact the manufacturer of the drug needed to see if they can help with the cost
- Many counties have discount cards available (e.g. BIG APPLE RX NYC http://www.bigapplerx.com)
- Contact your local County Office for the Aging

Resource	Program Summary	Contact
Cancer Care Foundation www.cancercarecopay.org	<ul> <li>Specifically for covering the cost of breast, lung, pancreatic, or colon cancer medications</li> <li>Medication must be covered by foundation</li> <li>Individual must be covered by private insurance OR have Medicare Part B, Medicare Part D, Medicare Advantage (MA), or Medigap plan</li> <li>Assistance for Individual or family with income of up to 4 times federal poverty level</li> </ul>	(866) 55-COPAY
Chronic Disease Fund www.cdfund.org	<ul> <li>Income levels by geographic area, number of household dependents and current out-of-pocket medical expenses are considered</li> <li>Individual must have one of the fund listed diseases. There are separate 'Disease Trusts' with separate funds</li> <li>Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH), Psoriasis, Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) and Asthma are examples on the list</li> </ul>	(877) 968-7233
Healthwell Foundation www.healthwellfoundation.org	<ul> <li>Household Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) must be below 400% of poverty level with cost of living also taken into account</li> <li>Psoriasis, Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) and Asthma are examples of diseases on the list</li> <li>Foundation suggests contacting manufacturer first since assistance level from manufacturer may be greater than foundation assistance</li> </ul>	(800) 675-8416
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society www.leukemia-lymphoma.org	<ul> <li>Household income at/within 500% above US poverty guidelines</li> <li>Must have prescription insurance</li> <li>Must have a blood cancer (Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia - CLL, Hodgkin Lymphoma, non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, Myelodysplastic Syndromes, Myeloma, or Waldenstrom Macroglobulinemia) diagnosis confirmed by MD</li> </ul>	(877) 557-2672
National Organization for Rare Disorders www.rarediseases.org/patients- and-families/patient-assistance	<ul> <li>Web site contains a list of medication-specific assistance programs, disorder-specific programs and clinical trial programs</li> <li>Assistance level varies depending upon the program</li> <li>Upon receipt of a completed application, National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) reviews and responds with an award decision within 2 business days</li> </ul>	(800) 999-6673

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Needy Meds – Discount Card www.needymeds.org	<ul> <li>Needy Meds drug discount card can only be used by those without insurance or as an alternative to their insurance</li> <li>Web site also has a list of brand names for individual to click on drug to see if manufacturer assistance program/coupon is available <a href="http://www.needymeds.org/drug_list.taf">http://www.needymeds.org/drug_list.taf</a></li> </ul>	Refer to Website
Patient Access Network Foundation www.panfoundation.org	<ul> <li>Individual should be insured</li> <li>Individual's insurance must cover the medication</li> <li>Medication must fight the disease directly</li> <li>Income must be below a designated percentage of federal poverty level depending upon individual fund requirements</li> <li>Specific disease funds; including Crohn's, Diabetic Foot Ulcers, Macular diseases, Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Kidney Transplant Immunosuppression, Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)</li> </ul>	(866) 316-7263
Patient Advocate Foundation www.copays.org	<ul> <li>Assists insured patients who are financially and medically qualified</li> <li>Breast, Lung, Lymphoma and Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma, Prostate, Kidney, Colon, Pancreatic, Head/Neck Cancers, Malignant Brain Tumor, Sarcoma, Diabetes, Multiple Myeloma, Myelodysplastic Syndrome (and other Pre-Leukemia diseases), Osteoporosis, Pain, Hepatitis C, Rheumatoid Arthritis, selected Autoimmune Disorders and Chemo Induced Anemia (CIA)/Chemo Induced Neutropenia (CIN)</li> </ul>	(866) 512-3861
PatientAssistance.com www.patientassistance.com	<ul> <li>This is a resource for finding various assistance programs</li> <li>Contains a searchable database of thousands of patient assistance programs</li> </ul>	Refer to Website
Patient Services Incorporated www.patientservicesinc.org	<ul> <li>Based on financial need</li> <li>Disease must be on list - Acromegaly, Advanced Idiopathic Parkinson's Disease, Alpha1 Antitrypsin Deficiency, Bone Metastases, Breast Cancer Screening, Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia, Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIPD), Complement Mediated Diseases (CMD), Clostridium Difficile, Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma (CTCL), Cystic Fibrosis (with Pseudomonas), Fabry Disease, Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors (GIST), Hemophilia, Hereditary Angioedema (C1 Inhibitor Deficiencies), Inhibitors in Hemophilia, Insulin like Growth Factor 1 Deficiency (IGF1), Malignant Ascites, Mucopolysaccharidosis Type I (MPS 1 – Hurlers Syndrome), Patient Services Items Program (PSIp), Pleural Effusion, Pompe Disease, Primary Immune Deficiency, Severe Congenital Protein C Deficiency), von Willebrand Disease</li> </ul>	(800) 366-7741
Partnership for Prescription Assistance www.pparx.org	Different funds offering co-payment assistance are listed	(888) 477-2669
RxAssist www.rxassist.org	<ul> <li>Database search by drug name to locate various assistance programs. Click on patients to get to the search window</li> </ul>	Refer to Website